

THE ORACLE

September 2026

Unitarian Universalists embrace six shared values:

- **Interdependence:** We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- **Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.
- **Justice:** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- **Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world.
- **Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- **Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

Join us for our weekly worship service, religious education and social hour Sundays at 10:30 am.



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WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM

September 6, 2026

No Service, Labor Day Weekend

September 13, 2026

“Seeking Wisdom in a Time of Untruth”-Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

As another school year begins, we look at the importance of wisdom in a time when we are flooded with information, much of it designed to distract and manipulate us.

September 20, 2026

"Come, Take My Hand, Friend." - Rev. Alison Wohler

At the beginning of this important year (maybe they are all important) I think that this is not a time to be strangers. We will make introductions, we'll renew friendships, we'll talk about how important this community is to our lives and the larger community. I do not want us to forget that offering a hand when we are in need ourselves is every bit as important as offering a hand in compassion and help. It works both ways.

September 27, 2026

“Up and Out: Little Birds, Lotus Blossoms and Inner Smiles ”- Karen Schreiber

Possible perspectives and practices to help sustain us in the ups and downs of the flow of our lives.

It's Almost Time!!

Wow, what a summer season it has been, with tremendous attendance for the programs! To all of you who attended one or more of the programs, bet you enjoyed it! From art, to music, to literature, there was something for everyone! The summer theme of CREATIVE SPARK fit the programs perfectly!

And more, yet to come!

Sanctuary season will be here in the blink of an eye! We will be returning to the Sanctuary on September 13th! Jane Ellen will be welcoming us back, from the pulpit. As is customary, following the service we will have our first of several, Potluck meal with friends! This will be a “Pre Fall” or “End of Summer” theme. Make your favorite dish for the season to share with all.

We truly look forward to a return of our community to the Sanctuary. See you then!

UUCM IS NOW A MEMBER OF PIIN!

This summer our congregation joined the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN), with Sandy Ball serving as our liaison. All members and friends of UUCM are invited to join us 5:00-7:30 on Saturday, September 26, 2026 for a kickoff potluck with leadership from PIIN who will present information regarding current and proposed PIIN initiatives. This will include discussions and activities to get us to know one another—both PIIN and UUCM—as we go forward together in our fight for justice.

In short, PIIN is a ...*grassroots coalition of faith congregations, organizations, and individuals committed to building power for justice...*

UUCM's first activity under their auspices will be the non-partisan initiative:

Faithfully Voting Members and Congregations (FVMC) *program. It is a process of coming alongside neighbors in our communities, and listening to and joining with them as they get clearer about their values and what matters most. Then we challenge them to bring those values with them to the polls and back into the public life of the community.*

Feel free to reach out to Sandy Ball if you have questions: 412-592-2912. In the meantime, here are links to PIIN sites that will explain more!

<https://www.piinpa.org/about>

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[Faithfully Voting — PIIN](#)

See you on the 26th!



PIIN

PAGAN GROUP

The Pagan Group explores Earth based beliefs and ritual practices. We are learning together as a group and share responsibility for creating rituals. The group will meet at 7:00 pm in the Parish House on the following dates:

- Tuesday September 22- Mabon
- Saturday September 26- Full moon



SOUP ON SATURDAY



SOUP ON SATURDAYS 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us in supporting the Meadville community with donating to Soup on Saturdays. We will be serving soups to the community. We are looking for donations or soup ingredients (dry foods, stocks, cans and fresh veggies). We are also accepting any monetary donations. Most importantly, we are looking for volunteers. Contact Jodi Sipos with any questions or donations 814-724-4023 or church@uumeadville.org. Check our Facebook page for what we are serving every Saturday.



SOUP KITCHEN

Every second Friday each month a group of UU volunteers serve meals at the Meadville Area Soup kitchen as a way to help alleviate some of the symptoms of poverty in our region. You are welcome to volunteer.



WHY WE SHARE: SEPTEMBER'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: TAMARACK WILDLIFE CENTER

Tamarack specializes in the rescue, treatment and release of injured, orphaned and sick wildlife. Additionally, Tamarack provides public education programs and materials on the behavior, feeding habits, and natural habitats of many of Pennsylvania's species of wildlife.

The injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife depend entirely upon the donations of generous people like you for their second chance at life. We thank those who have assisted in the lives of each animal who has passed through our doors, as well as those who will help them in the future.

Thank you for all who donated in July and August
The recipient was the Crawford County Humane Society We donated \$270.

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays - Fridays at 10:00 am

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday 4th 9:00am

SINGING RESISTANCE MEADVILLE

Tuesday 8th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday 22nd at 6:00 pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8th at 11:00 am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 11th at 10:00 am

POTLUCK

Sunday 13th Following the Service

PAGAN GROUP MABON

Saturday 22nd 7:00 pm

PAGAN GROUP FULL MOON

Wednesday 26th at 7:00 pm

PIIN DINNER

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 28th by 9:00 am



RESOURCES

UU- Useful Web Links

UU Church of Meadville:

www.uumeadville.org

Oracle: www.uumeadville.org/Oracles

UUA: www.uua.org

UU Service Committee: www.uusc.org



RIDES TO SERVICE

If you need a ride to any event or to Sunday's worship service, please call the church office by 9:00 am on Wednesday and leave a message (814-724-4023).

2026 –2027 Church Officers

President and Liaison to Worship Committee and Liaison to the Minister and the Music Director: Josh Searle-White

Vice-President, Capital Projects Coordinator and Liaison to Properties and Soup on Saturday Rick Holmgren

Treasurer and RE Liaison and to the Office Administrator: Jane Anderson

Secretary: Melissa Mansfield

Stewardship Chair and Liaison to the Caring Committee : P. Todd Fox

Liaison to Events Committee: Lew Trumble

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Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

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Office Administrator: Jodi Sipos

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Monday-Friday: 7:30AM – 1:30PM